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Appln No.: 09/997,128

Confirmation No. 3397

Filed: November 29, 2001

Applicant(s): Iwano et al.

Title: OPTICAL CONNECTION PLUG,
MANUFACTURING METHOD
THEREOF AND ASSEMBLY TOOL

Art Unit: 2874

Examiner: Ellen E. Kim

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment/reply in the above-identified application.

☐ An Appendix including amended drawing figures labeled as "Annotated Marked-up Drawings" is enclosed.

☒ No additional fee is required.

Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended

	As Amended	Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Independent Claims	9	9	** = 0	x \$ 88.00	= \$ 0.00
Total Claims	26	26	* = 0	x \$ 18.00	= \$ 0.00
Fee for Multiply Dependent Claims				\$ 300.00	
** At least 3			Total Additional Fee		\$ 0.00

* At least 20

☐ Applicant(s) assert entitlement to Small Entity Status (37 C.F.R. § 1.27), thus reducing the fee by half to:

\$ 0.00

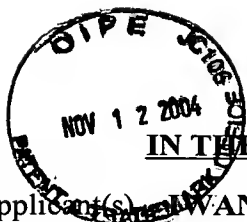
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Reply to Office Action of 9/7/04

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.
- ☐ Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 during its entire pendency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to Final Office Action mailed September 7, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.